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PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the project requirement of resources by the Railways in improving its infrastructure network and services in the coming five years;

(a) the areas identified for private investment;

(c) whether the Railways propose to bring in the private sector to participate and invest for the development and expansion of its network and improve its services in the field of haulage of freight traffic and amenities for the passengers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAIJ. RATHWA)

(a): Integrated Railway Modernization Plan of Ministry of Railways had estimated that approximately Rs. 24,000 Crore will be required for period 2005-2010 for improving and modernizing the system.

(b): Some of the important areas identified for private investments are - development of integrated logistic parks, wagon investment scheme, development of rail side warehouse complexes, permitting private parties to run container trains, participation in infrastructure projects.

(c) & (d): For development expansion and improvement in haulage of freight services, Ministry of Raifways has formulated Wagon Investment Scheme for procurement of wagons, scheme for development of Railside Warehousing Complexes for development of freight terminals and policy for permitting private players to move container trains. In order to improve passenger amenities, it has been decided to upgrade the retiring moms and construct `Pay & Use` toilets through Public-Private Partnership.